



NATIONAL BUTTERFLY ASSOCIATION
2021 JUNIOR & OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
July 13 – 15 — White Lake — Whitehall, Michigan
Organized by — National Butterfly Association (NBA)
Hosted by — White Lake Yacht Club (WLYC)



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 - Rules** — The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *2021 – 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 2 - Notices To Competitors** — will be posted on the official notice board located in front of the WLYC.
- 3 - Changes to Sailing Instructions** — will be posted no later than ninety (90) minutes prior to the first scheduled warning signal of the day, except that any change to the following day's schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 4 - Signals Made Ashore** —
 - 4.1 - Signals made ashore will be displayed in front of the WLYC.
 - 4.2 - When Flag AP is displayed ashore, 'one (1) minute' is replaced by 'thirty (30) minutes.' This changes RRS Race Signal AP.

5 - Schedule Of Races —

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
Tuesday	13th	Check-in & Late Registration	1200 - 1800 hours
		Tune-Up Race	1500 hours
		Welcome Reception	1800 hours
Wednesday	14th	Check-in & Late Registration - Juniors	0730 - 0830 hours
		Check-in & Late Registration - Open	0730 - 1200 hours
		Competitors Meeting - Juniors	0830 hours
		First Warning Signal - Juniors	1000 hours
		Competitors Meeting - Open	TBA*
		First Warning Signal – Open	TBA*
		Kids & Adults Social Event	1700 hours
Thursday	15th	First Warning - Juniors	0930 hours
		First Warning - Open	TBA*
		Awards Ceremony — ASAP after racing.	

* Open Class racing will take place following the Junior races each day. Times will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

- 6 - Class Flag** — will be a black Butterfly on a yellow background.
- 7 - Racing Area** — will be White Lake, located in Muskegon County near Whitehall, Michigan.
- 8 - The Courses** — will be defined according to Attachment 1. The Course to be raced will be signaled by the corresponding numeral pennant and/or sign board from the RC Signal Boat prior to or with the warning signal for each race.
 - 8.1 – The Courses will be Windward/Leeward and consisting of three (3) or five (5) TOTAL legs and signaled by sign board and/or numeral pennant three (3) or five (5).
 - 8.2 - All marks shall be taken to port, except when rounding the leeward gates, per SI 8.4.
 - 8.3 - An Offset Mark (Mk Os) may be used at the Weather Mark (Mk W).
 - 8.4 - A Leeward Gate (Mks Ls & Lp) may be used at the end of a leeward leg. When used, boats shall sail between the marks and round either mark according to Attachment 1.

9 - Marks —

- 9.1 - Primary marks W, and L(Ls/Lp) will be a small orange round.
- 9.2 - The windward offset mark, Os, will also be a small orange round.
- 9.3 - Changing marks, as described in SI 10, will be a 48" yellow cylinder.
- 9.4 - The start mark will be 36" orange cylinder.
- 9.5 - The finish mark will be a 36" white sleeved cylinder.

10 - The Start —

- 10.1 - The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat at the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark at the port end. The line will be located to leeward of the leeward gates or mark.
- 10.2 - An automated horn system will be used for all starts. All warning signals will be preceded by a series of 'short blasts' one (1) minute prior to the warning. This will also accompany AP down and General Recall down, in the event they were signaled.
- 10.3 - Individual and general recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her sail number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for hearing request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.4 - Any boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

11 - Change Of the Next Leg of The Course —

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee signal by displaying flag C with repetitive sounds at the mark prior to starting the leg that is being changed. The RC will lay a new yellow cylinder mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as possible. When in a subsequent change this yellow cylinder mark needs to be moved for another course change, that new mark will be replaced by the original orange mark. This changes RRS 33. In the event of a course change at the windward end, an offset (Mark Os) will not be used by RC. In the event of a course change at the leeward end, the gates (Ls/Lp) may not be used by RC.

12 - The Finish —

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying and blue flag on the RC boat at the starboard end and the course side of the nearby finishing mark at the port end. The line will be located to windward of the weather mark. See Attachment 1.

13 - Time Limits —

- 13.1 - The time limit for any race will be sixty (60) minutes.
- 13.2 - Boats not finishing within twenty (20) minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) and will receive one more point than the last boat to finish.
- 13.3 - If no boat has reached the first mark within twenty (20) minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 13.4 – This changes RRS 35 and A4.

14 - Protests and Requests for Redress —

- 14.1 - Protests forms will be available at the Official Notice Board and shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 - The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the RC boat docks. This time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 14.3 - Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the WLSS Sailing Room.
- 14.4 - On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered —
 - a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day or
 - b) no later than thirty (30) minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.This changes RRS 66.

15 - Scoring — (this applies to both the Junior and Open Championships)

- 15.1 - Six (6) races are scheduled for each division of which one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 - When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2. If 6 races are completed, a boat may "throw out" one of her finish scores.

16 - Safety Regulations — A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area shall notify the RC by hailing any RC boat or by notifying RC personnel at the WLYC.

17 - Equipment and Measurement Checks — Equipment may be checked at any time prior to the end of the protest period for the last race for compliance with the NBA Rules, at the direction of the NBA.

18 - Prizes —

18.1 - 1st through 5th places will be awarded in the Open Championship. 1st through 10th places will be awarded in the Junior Championship. There will also be a Tune-Up winner, Top Woman, and Youngest Skipper.

18.2 – Class Perpetual Trophies.

19 - Disclaimer of Liability — Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20 - Insurance — Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. Organizing Authority: Christian Oertel @ 303-520-0159. Principal Race Official: Jon Ledsworth @ 616-889-3802.

ATTACHMENT 1 – Course Diagrams:

